

North Carolina State Government Website Archives

Searching Help

General Information

The search tool used to provide full-text access to the North Carolina State Government Web Site Archives is powered by the open-source search engine, [Nutch](#). The programming team at the [Archive-It](#) project are continually adding features that will make searching the *Web Site Archives* easier and more streamlined. As such, this help page will be revised periodically. You are encouraged to return often to see what new features have been added.

Search for All Words

The search box default is a full-text keyword search. If more than one word is entered into the search box, the results will include all Web sites containing those words.

For example, if you want to search for all Web sites where the words “tax” and “reform” appear together but not adjacent to one another, type:

Search the Web Archive

[Search Help](#)

Search for a Phrase

If you want to find a phrase, surround your words with quotation marks.

For example, to search for all Web sites where tax reform appears as a phrase, type:

Search the Web Archive

[Search Help](#)

Excluding Words from a Search

If you do not want your results to include a certain word or words, use the minus sign.

For example, if you want results about taxes, but none with any reference to reform, you would type:

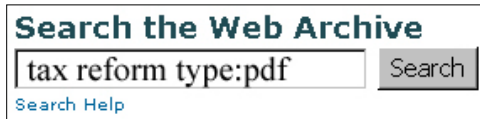
Search the Web Archive

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Search by File Format

If you know that what you're looking for is in a specific type of file, you can limit your search to just that format by adding **type:[file type]** to your search terms

For example, a PDF document about tax reform might be found using the following string:



A screenshot of the 'Search the Web Archive' search interface. The title 'Search the Web Archive' is at the top in a bold, dark blue font. Below it is a search input field containing the text 'tax reform type:pdf'. To the right of the input field is a grey 'Search' button. Below the input field is a blue link labeled 'Search Help'.

Search for a Specific Web Site

To see if a Web site is part of the *Web Archives*, you can just type the URL directly into the search box without the http://

For example:



A screenshot of the 'Search the Web Archive' search interface. The title 'Search the Web Archive' is at the top in a bold, dark blue font. Below it is a search input field containing the text 'www.ncagr.com'. To the right of the input field is a grey 'Search' button. Below the input field is a blue link labeled 'Search Help'.

Search within a Specific Web Site

If you want to find a topic discussed on a specific archived Web site, you can limit your search by adding **site:[URL of archived site]** to your search terms.

For example, you can search for information about museums on the Dept. of Cultural Resources' Web site by using the search string:



A screenshot of the 'Search the Web Archive' search interface. The title 'Search the Web Archive' is at the top in a bold, dark blue font. Below it is a search input field containing the text 'museums site:www.ncdcr.gov'. To the right of the input field is a grey 'Search' button. Below the input field is a blue link labeled 'Search Help'.

Sorting Results by Date

Your search results are ranked by relevance which is determined by how often the query terms appear in the page, whether the query terms appear in the URL and whether the query terms appear in the hostname. If you prefer to sort your results by date rather than relevance, you will need to add terms to the URL in your browser window.

For example, if you searched for **clearinghouse**, your search results list will look like this.

The screenshot shows a Mozilla Firefox browser window titled "Internet Archive: search results - Mozilla Firefox". The address bar contains the URL: `http://index.archive-it.org:8080/nutchwax/?query=clearinghouse&Search=Search&collection=194&hitsPerPage=10`. The page features the Archive-IT logo and the text "Web Search (collection 194)". A search box contains the word "clearinghouse" and a "Search" button. Below the search box, it states "Search took 0.281 seconds. Hits 1-10 (out of about 17,734 total matching pages):". The first two results are:

- [DPI Clearinghouse](#)**
[html]
... DPI Clearinghouse Elementary | Middle | High | Home Elementary and Combined Elementary/Middle Schools Avery's Creek Ele
<http://www.schoolclearinghouse.org/clearinghouse.asp> - 2006-05-28 12:10:07 - [other versions](#) - [more from www.schoolclearinghouse.org](#) - [explain](#)
- [EE Plan - Clearinghouse](#)**
[html]
... EE Plan - Clearinghouse Office of Environmental Education Educator Resources Informed Consumer Library EE Centers in the News
<http://www.eenorthcarolina.org/whatisoffice/eeplan/clearinghouse.htm> - 2006-04-28 13:10:55 - [other versions](#) - [more from www.eenorthcarolina.org](#) - [explain](#)

To sort these results in ascending date order, add the following text to the end of the URL in the browser window: **&sort=date**

The screenshot shows the same Mozilla Firefox browser window, but the URL in the address bar has been modified to: `http://index.archive-it.org:8080/nutchwax/?query=clearinghouse&Search=Search&collection=194&hitsPerPage=10&sort=date`. The text "&sort=date" is circled in red. The page content is identical to the previous screenshot, but the search results are now sorted by date. The first two results are:

- [Welcome to GINC - Geographic Information North Carolina](#)**
[html]
... New? NC and ESRI sign Enterprise License Agreement GICC receives Special Achievement in GIS Geographic Data Clearinghouse Background , Sea
Reference Maps , National Spatial Data Infrastructure , Federal Geographic ...
<http://cgia.cgia.state.nc.us/> - 2005-10-06 12:08:56 - [other versions](#) - [more from cgia.cgia.state.nc.us](#) - [explain](#)
- [Links](#)**
[html]
... Smoking and Health Tobacco Information and Prevention Sourcepage Food and Drug Administration SAMHSA National Clearinghouse for Alcohol an
Foundation of America (AAFA ...
<http://www.communityhealth.dhhs.state.nc.us/links.htm> - 2005-10-06 12:09:10 - [other versions](#) - [explain](#)

To sort these results by descending date order, add the following text to the end of your URL in the browser window: **&sort=date&reverse=true**

Internet Archive: search results - Mozilla Firefox

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http://index.archive-it.org:8080/nutchwax/?query=clearinghouse&Search=Search&collection=194&hitsPerPage=10&sort=date&reverse=true

Getting Started

ARCHIVE-IT Web Search (collection 194)

clearinghouse Search

Search took 0.295 seconds. Hits 1-10 (out of about 17,734 total matching pages):

<http://www.p2pays.org/ref/13/12110.pdf>
[pdf] - [View as Plain Text](#)
... additional fact sheets on other pool energy saving ideas call the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy **Clearinghouse** at 800-DOE-EREC or write to EREC, P. O. B
RSPEC can make a ...
<http://www.p2pays.org/ref/13/12110.pdf> - 2006-06-04 12:05:05 - [other versions](#) - [more from www.p2pays.org](#) - [explain](#)

[01 NCAC 25](#)
[html]
... A copy of the record of decision shall be sent to the **Clearinghouse** to be sent to all review agencies, and a notice of its ...
<http://reports.oah.state.nc.us/ncac/title%201%20-%20administration/chapter%2025%20-%20environmental%20policy%20act/01%20ncac%2025%20.0606.html> - 2006-06-04 11:02:16 - [other versions](#) - [explain](#)

Viewing Results

When you generate your list of results, you have several viewing options.

1) **View a specific archived version of Web page:** Click on the bold link to view a specific archived version of the Web site. To determine when the Web site was collected and archived look at the date stamp which appears after the URL. See image below:

[North Carolina State Clearinghouse](#)

[html]
... North Carolina State **Clearinghouse** STATE CLEARINGHOUSE About the State **Clearinghouse** Department of Administration THE NORTH CAROLINA ENVIRONMENTAL BULLETIN Publication Schedule for the 2006 ... 1 Notification of Intent to Apply for Assistance North Carolina Intergovernmental Review Process State **Clearinghouse**
<http://www.doa.state.nc.us/clearing/clearing.htm> - 2006-05-28 12:18:07 - [other versions](#) - [more from www.doa.state.nc.us](#) - [explain](#)

2) **View all archived versions of Web page:** To view all archived versions of a specific Web site, please click the link “other versions” located after the date stamp. See image below. Clicking on this link will bring you to a list of dates when the Web site was archived. Click on the appropriate date to see what the Web site looked like then.

North Carolina State Clearinghouse

[html]

... North Carolina State **Clearinghouse** STATE CLEARINGHOUSE About the State **Clearinghouse** Department of Administration THE NORTH CAROLINA ENVIRONMENTAL BULLETIN Publication Schedule for the 2006 ... 1 Notification of Intent to Apply for Assistance North Carolina Intergovernmental Review Process State **Clearinghouse**

<http://www.doa.state.nc.us/clearing/clearing.htm> - 2006-05-28 12:18:17 - [other versions](#) - [more from www.doa.state.nc.us](#) - [explain](#)

3) **View all archived Web pages from a specific Web site:** To view all Web pages archived for a specific site, click the “more from...” link which is located after the “other versions” link. See image below. If there is no “more from...” link, then there are no other Web pages in the Web site.

North Carolina State Clearinghouse

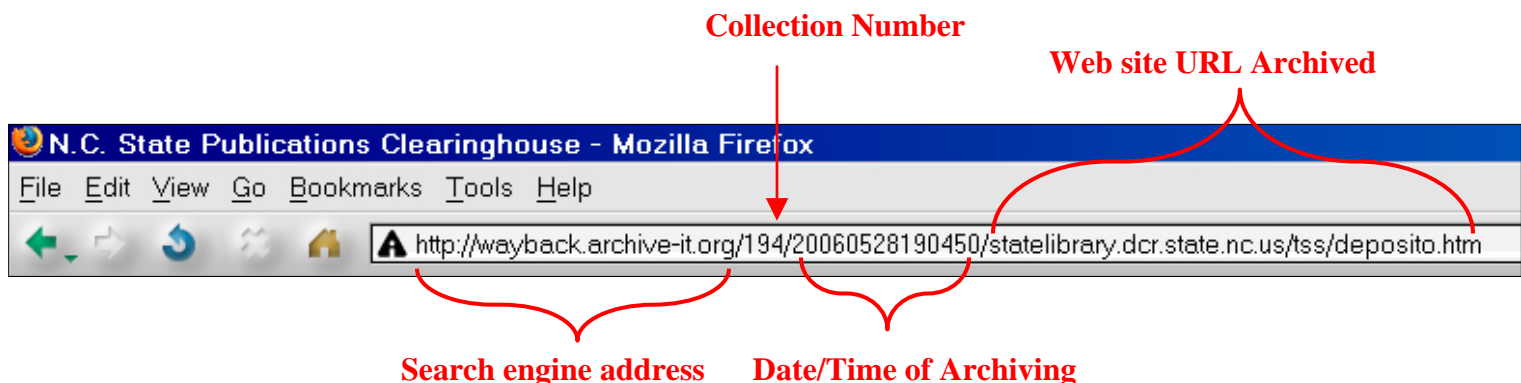
[html]

... North Carolina State **Clearinghouse** STATE CLEARINGHOUSE About the State **Clearinghouse** Department of Administration THE NORTH CAROLINA ENVIRONMENTAL BULLETIN Publication Schedule for the 2006 ... 1 Notification of Intent to Apply for Assistance North Carolina Intergovernmental Review Process State **Clearinghouse**

<http://www.doa.state.nc.us/clearing/clearing.htm> - 2006-05-28 12:18:17 - [other versions](#) - [more from www.doa.state.nc.us](#) - [explain](#)

Searching within the Archives

If you want to look at other archived Web sites without executing a new search, you can edit the Web address directly in the browser address window. Below are explanations of what each portion of the Web address indicates and ways to modify your search results by changing the Web address. The following Web address is broken down into four main parts. Each part is described in more detail below:



1) Search Engine Address: The first portion of the Web address is the address of the search engine (i.e., <http://wayback.archive-it.org/>). This portion of the Web address should not be modified.

2) Collection Number: The second portion of the Web address **194/** is the collection number the search engine will pull the results from. There are three collection numbers in the *Archives*: 194 (*North Carolina State Government Web Site Archives* and *North Carolina Cabinet Collection*); 195 (*North Carolina Council of State Collection*); and 196 (*North Carolina Occupational Licensing Boards Collection*). The largest and most current collection is 194, so that is the default for the search engine. However, depending on what you are looking for it could be contained in either collection 195 or 196. To quickly determine if earlier versions of the displayed page are contained in another collection, do the following:

- Change the collection number from **194/** to **195/** or **196/**
- Remove the date/time and replace with a *

For example, <http://wayback.archive-it.org/194/20060501163733/http://www.ncdoi.com> could be changed to http://wayback.archive-it.org/195/*/http://www.ncdoi.com to see if collection 195 had an earlier version of the www.ncdoi.com Web site.

3) Date/Time: The third portion of the Web address **20060501163733/** is the date and time the Web page was archived (read YYYYMMDDHHMMSS indicating that the example page was archived on May 1, 2006 at 4:37pm and 33 seconds).

If you want to see all dates that page was archived, simply replace the date string with an asterisk.

For example, <http://wayback.archive-it.org/194/20060501163733/http://www.p2pays.org> could be changed to http://wayback.archive-it.org/194/*/http://www.p2pays.org and then all dates the www.p2pays.org site was captured in collection 194 would be listed on the screen.

If you want to see another date that page was archived, you need to replace the existing date information with as much of the new date information as you want to specify. You can specify just a year; a year and month; or a year, month and day. You can either use an asterisk or 0's to fill in the information not specified.

Please note: if the page was not archived on the date you entered, you will be shown the version of the page archived closest to that date. So, please check the date string of the results to make sure the version you are actually viewing will serve your needs.

For example, <http://wayback.archive-it.org/194/20060501163733/http://www.p2pays.org> could be changed to http://wayback.archive-it.org/194/2006*/http://www.p2pays.org to return all the dates the www.p2pays.org site was captured in collection 194 during 2006 or to <http://wayback.archive-it.org/194/20060500000000/http://www.p2pays.org> to return the version of the www.p2pays.org site captured closest to May 2006; or to <http://wayback.archive->

it.org/194/20060405000000/http://www.p2pays.org to return the version of the www.p2pays.org site captured closest to April 5, 2006.

4) URL of the Archived Web Site: the fourth and final portion of the Web address <http://www.p2pays.org> is the URL of the archived Web site. To see all archived links from this URL simply add a “/*” after the URL and replace the date string with an asterisk. for example, http://wayback.archive-it.org/194/*/http://www.p2pays.org/* will pull up all archived pages beginning with <http://www.p2pays.org>.

If you still have questions about how to refine and/or improve your search results, please contact us at web.archive@ncmail.net